

**DDRS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**11-3-10**

**PRESENT:** Connie Dillman-Tangram                      Jean Updike, VR  
Tracy Myszak, BDDS                                      John Hill – DOE  
Chris St. Paul, IPMG                                      Teresa Grossi, IIDC

**FACILITATOR:** Nancy Zemaitis  
**RECORDER:** Robin M. Stearns, Administrative Secretary

ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review of Previous Meeting Minutes	No recommendations for changes was presented	Minutes from the 10-6-10 meeting were approved as written.
Ticket to Work Program	Jean Updike was introduced to explain this program. The Ticket to Work Program is a voluntary program established by the Social Security Administration to assist recipients of SSA benefits to obtain employment to eventually terminate Social Security benefits. Is was designed to increase the number of service providers (referred to as Employment Networks/ENs) available to help individuals entitled to SSI and SSDI benefits based on disability in obtaining services necessary to find, enter and retain employment. In 2009 VR had 816 successful closures of SSA recipients. Of these, 105 were closed at SGA level and 711 were closed below SGA. A total of 161 were closed below SGA, but above 670 level for Milestone payments for Ticket Phase I.	Informational.
Department of Education	A total of 170,000 follow-up surveys were distributed to everyone receiving services. To date, approximately 15,000 has been returned.	This information is still unavailable from the vendor. Deferred until the meeting on December 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Status of DD Individuals Moving from SOF's	DDRS is working in partnership with DMH to transition individuals with a DD diagnosis from the state operated facilities into the community. State match funding will follow the individual into DDRS services. Additional waiver slots have been requested.	There have been no transitions as of this date, but an individual is scheduled to move within the next two (2) weeks.
DDRS Reports	The October 2010 data was distributed for review and discussion. The graphs show comparison data for the federal fiscal year 2010 although the report lists this for FY 2009. Due to the 2009 numbers being down VR will remain on a performance improvement plan and continue to provide quarterly updates to the federal staff. The current focus is looking at people with developmental disabilities in segregated settings and moving them into integrated employment.	Informational.

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BDDS Report	The 10-1-10 to 10-31-10 monthly management report was distributed for review and discussion. Tracy has recommended using a different type format to share this information in order it can be a more reflective report versus what is used internally. Work continues on a more detailed wait list.	Tracy will provide a different type of report to the committee at the next meeting.
First Steps	The annual statewide profile report was distributed for review and comments. Discussion was held regarding the individual costs for a person in services. It was recommended the data being analyzed to determine if 4 and 5 year olds in school could be better served in their natural environment.	Informational.
Next Advisory Council Meeting	The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 1 <sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.	Informational.

**Handouts:**

- VRS Performance Standards and Indictors Report-October 2010
- DDRS Monthly CIRS Report (10/1/10 – 10/31/10)
- First Steps Indiana Statewide Profile Report (7/1/09 – 6/30/10)
- Ticket to Work Program Slides
- Article from Indianapolis Star (10-28-10)